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## UNITED STATES.

### *Yellow fever in the South.*

Continuing the report of yellow fever in the South, under date of October 8, Passed Assistant Surgeon G. B. Young, stationed at Memphis, Tenn., was authorized to appoint inspectors for and guard the Tennessee River. This action was taken at the request of the State board of health of Tennessee. State Health Officer Dr. W. H. Sanders reported 1 case of yellow fever at Alco, Ala., a small hamlet about 1 mile distant from Brewton. He stated there was no exposure to any person outside the patient's family and that all necessary precautions had been taken.

October 9: Acting Assistant Surgeon John Guitéras, at Galveston, Tex., reported, after a thorough investigation, 5 cases of yellow fever under treatment and 3 recovered, with an extensive epidemic of dengue causing much confusion. Surgeon H. R. Carter, who had been instructed to obtain a site for a detention camp for persons desiring to work in the cane fields of Louisiana, reported he had, with Passed Assistant Surgeon Geddings, selected a point about 15 miles from Algiers on the lines of the Southern Pacific and Texas Pacific railroads, near Avondale, and Steward S. W. Richardson (on duty at Camp Fontainebleau, Mississippi) was ordered to report to Surgeon Carter for duty in connection with the establishment of the camp.

October 10: Acting Assistant Surgeon John Guitéras wired that, in company with State Health Officer Dr. R. M. Swearingen, he intended visiting Houston, Tex., where much dengue was reported. Surgeon Carter, at the request of Drs. Hunter and Kiger, president and secretary State board of health, Mississippi, investigated several cases of fever at Terry, 10 miles south of Jackson, and found them to be simple malarial

fever. The reported cases of fever at Patterson, La., were investigated by Surgeon Carter, who, with Drs. Sanders and Smith and two local physicians, agreed there was not even a suspicion of yellow fever.

October 11: Acting Assistant Surgeon John Guitéras reported 3 cases of yellow fever at Houston, Tex. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young was authorized to discontinue the Chattanooga train service, but to place inspectors on the roads connecting middle and west Tennessee. Acting Assistant Surgeon Booth reported an outbreak of dengue at Shreveport, La. Passed Assistant Surgeon White was ordered from Camp Fontainebleau to report to Surgeon Carter for duty at the camp for sugar-cane laborers—"Camp Hutton"—leaving Passed Assistant Surgeon J. O. Cobb in command of Camp Fontainebleau.

October 12: Daily reports of cases of yellow fever and deaths were requested by the Bureau from the health physicians of Houston and Galveston, Tex. Similar request was made of Dr. McHenry concerning the town of McHenry, Miss. Acting Assistant Surgeon John Guitéras was authorized to visit Beaumont, Tex., where Passed Assistant Surgeon Magruder reported suspicious cases.

October 13: The governor of Texas and the State health officer were informed that the Bureau was ready to aid the State officers in enforcing regulations for preventing the spread of disease in his State, employing at the same time such measures as might also relieve the embargo upon traffic. The disinfection of mails from infected districts in Texas was inaugurated. Camp Hutton, near Avondale, La., open for reception of sugar-cane laborers.

October 14: Surgeon Carter reported 1 fatal case occurring in Franklin, La., and that exposed had been removed to Camp Hutton.

*Yellow fever in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service to October 13, 1897.\**

States.	Cities.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama .....	Mobile.. .....	Sept. 13-Sept. 30...	63	10
		Oct. 1-Oct. 6...	18	4
		Oct. 7.....	4	0
		Oct. 8.....	6	0
		Oct. 9.....	5	2
		Oct. 10.....	7	2
		Oct. 11.....	5	0
		Oct. 12.....	3	0
		Oct. 13.....	13	0
		Oct. 11.....	1	.....
		Oct. 11.....	1	.....
		Oct. 11.....	1	.....
		Oct. 11.....	1	.....
Georgia.....	Atlanta.....	Sept. 23.....	1	.....
Illinois.....	Cairo.....	Sept. 19.....	2	.....
Kentucky.....	Louisville .....	Sept. 20.....	2	.....
		Sept. 23.....	1	1
Louisiana.....	New Orleans .....	Sept. 8-Sept. 30...	226	27
		Oct. 1-Oct. 6...	197	15
		Oct. 7.....	31	2
		Oct. 8.....	49	5
		Oct. 9.....	35	6
		Oct. 10.....	37	5
		Oct. 11.....	39	4
		Oct. 12.....	38	3
		Oct. 13.....	31	9
		Oct. 13.....	31	9

\* For daily reports of cases and deaths, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS October 8 and before.